



# How to Obtain a Residential Companion Meter for Irrigation 804-748-1862



Chesterfield County Utilities offers a residential companion meter to residents who have a water and wastewater account and would like a second meter to measure outside water use separately.

The benefit of a residential companion meter is only water consumption charges apply to the residential companion meter, not wastewater charges since outside water does not enter the wastewater system. The residential companion meter for irrigation is only available to Chesterfield County homeowners. It is not available for commercial use or entrances to subdivisions and their common areas.

*For more information, visit [chesterfield.gov/companionmeter](http://chesterfield.gov/companionmeter) or scan this QR Code.*

*Current fees are available on the website or by calling 748-1862.*

*Chesterfield Utilities is located at  
9840 Government Center Parkway,  
Chesterfield, VA 23832.*



*This information is presented in cooperation  
with the Chesterfield County Building Inspection Department.*

**To receive a residential companion meter, review all the information online at**

*[www.chesterfield.gov/companionmeter](http://www.chesterfield.gov/companionmeter)*

**and complete the following steps:**

- 1)** Obtain a county backflow plumbing permit online at [chesterfield.gov/elm](http://chesterfield.gov/elm) or visit the Chesterfield County Utilities Department at 9840 Government Center Parkway in the Chesterfield County Government Complex.
  - The backflow plumbing permit must be specific for a residential companion meter for irrigation service, and include the installation of the backflow device for a residential companion meter.
  - Backflow prevention devices can be installed by contractors with a valid Backflow Prevention Device Worker certification from the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.
- 2)** Pay the permit fee and the companion meter installation fee
- 3)** Connect irrigation piping to the companion meter after it is installed
- 4)** Ensure the irrigation system includes the installation of a backflow preventer between the residential companion meter and irrigation system
- 5)** Schedule a Chesterfield County plumbing inspector to inspect the backflow preventer and the water supply line (To schedule online, visit [chesterfield.gov/elm](http://chesterfield.gov/elm) or call Building Inspections at 804-751-4990.)
- 6)** File Annual test results of the backflow preventer inspection:
  - The Backflow Prevention Assembly Test Report is online at [chesterfield.gov/utilities](http://chesterfield.gov/utilities) under Cross-Connection and Backflow Prevention. Call 748-1280 for more information.
  - Mail to Chesterfield County Utilities, Cross Connection Control, P.O. Box 608, Chesterfield, VA 23832, email to [backflow@chesterfield.gov](mailto:backflow@chesterfield.gov) or fax to 804-751-4437.

*Backflow preventers play an important role in protecting our drinking water and are required to be tested annually by the Virginia Department of Health. Chesterfield County does not perform testing on these private backflow prevention devices, set testing rates or collect any revenue from these tests.*